

MORRIS COUNTY AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MARCH 25, 2010

A meeting of the Morris County Airport Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 25 2010, in the Knox Room, at the Administration & Records Building. The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Freeholder Margaret Nordstrom, Freeholder James Murray
Maria Renner, Win Perkins, Peter Gilchrist, Megan Moench

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Pinto, Director of Planning and Development
Janet Donaldson, Secretary, Clerk of the Board of
Chosen Freeholders; Dan Dunn, Verizon; Ken Schleifer

ABSENT: Freeholder Director Gene Feyl, Eric Bossard, Paul Boudreau,
Donald Bowen, Melverne Cooke, Peter DeRosa, Frank Druetzler,
Nicolas Kapotes, William List, Michael Luther, Ed Newton, Lou
Nisivoccia, Jack Olcott, Fred Prosperi, Richard Tighe, Marilyn
Vela, Mark Walsh

Freeholder Nordstrom opened the meeting with introductions made by each attendee.

The October 1, 2009 and October 26, 2009, meeting minutes were reviewed. James Murray made a motion to approve the minutes of October 1st and October 26th, and Maria Renner seconded the motion. The committee members unanimously approved.

Dan Dunn, from Verizon presented to the committee a PowerPoint on the delay issue at Morristown Airport (MMU) and some possible options to help the situation. The first option is DSP (Departure Spacing Program). It's an actual piece of equipment that is in place at all the major air traffic control towers in the New York Metropolitan Area, including Teterboro, but there is not one at MMU. DSP is older technology, but it's what is being used at the Terminal Radar Approach Control Facility (TRACON) on Long Island. It reduces communication between the control tower and the TRACON by creating a bar code for the departure. MMU controllers have to make phone calls to the TRACON and the TRACON controllers have to manually place the MMU departure request into the computer. This takes much longer and puts MMU at a big disadvantage.

The other option discussed was DFM (Departure Flow Management). DFM is a web-based technology that is not in place in the NY Metropolitan Area yet. It is a technology that is considered to be 3-5 years away, but is being tested in other areas of the country. The entire area would have to be switched over and is not applicable for just one airport. The benefits of DFM include better communication capabilities which in turn provides an increase in departure flow efficiency and a reduction in the number of operational inefficiencies. It is similar to DSP but has enhanced capabilities.

Morristown Airport is hoping to get support from local legislators. The FAA is not 100% in favor of the DSP. Some of the factors that may be delaying moving forward include set up, training expenses and personnel issues. The FAA had asked Morristown Airport to do an equipment study which costs around \$40,000. Margaret Nordstrom thought that it would be a good idea to have Congressman Frelinghuysen watch the presentation and she would be included also.

Tom DeFeo, from C.R. Bard Inc., updated the committee on the Gateway Designation for Morristown Airport project. Congressman Frelinghuysen and former Congressman Ferguson have partnered with Honeywell in Washington to assist them in their lobbying efforts. Morristown Airport and Signature Support has also joined them in their efforts. Signature Flight needs to submit an application to be the designated FBO to run the operations out of the airport. If the airport acknowledges that they seek to be a gateway designation they need to send a letter to TSA in Washington requesting to be a Gateway Airport. If the request is accepted the TSA in Washington will then contact Newark TSA to find out the availability of their personnel.

Maria Renner informed the committee that the Town of Morristown and Morristown Airport will be the host site for the American Association of Airport Executive's general Aviation Issues and Security Conference June 29th – July 1st.

It was determined that the next Airport Advisory Committee meeting will take place Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 1 p.m. in the Knox Room, Administration and Records Building, 5th Floor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Donaldson
Secretary
Clerk of the Board of
Chosen Freeholders